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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Action mailed April 18, 2001, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-12, 14 and 48, drawn to a nucleic acid, vector, host cell and a method of producing a Rhesus D antigen, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

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